

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Notice of Appeal received on Nov. 3, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner. *(There were no drawing) Filed with this application.*
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 03/11/2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Anthony I. Provitola on 03/11/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1, 14, and 20 have been amended to read as follows:

Claim1. An internet operation including a system of secret internet web sites comprising:

- (a) one or more computers programmed to operate as a plurality of web servers;
- (b) one or more of said web servers hosting internet web sites for said internet operation;
- (c) one or more of said internet web sites being main sites having URLs which are publicly associated with said internet operation accessible through said internet web sites;
- (d) one or more of said internet web sites being secret sites having URLs which are not publicly associated with said internet operation, and which:

- 1. are maintained as a secret from all but those users who have been given the knowledge thereof by the operator of said internet operation; and

2. are assigned to a user upon the user's request and in response to the user providing means by which they can be sufficiently identified for purposes of the level of security against attack desired by the operator of said internet operation;

and wherein the knowledge of the existence, identity and URL of each of said secret sites is not available to the public except through a process requiring such identification of the user;

said secret sites being a part of said internet operation by which said internet operation may be accessed.

Claim 14. A system of secret internet websites, comprising:

(a) one or more computers programmed to operate as a plurality of web servers;
(b) one or more of said web servers hosting internet web sites for an internet operation;

(c) one or more of said internet web sites being secret sites having universal resource locators (URIs) which are not publicly associated with any internet operation, and which:

1. are maintained as a secret from all but those users who have been given the knowledge thereof by the operator of said internet operation; and

2. are assigned to a user upon the user's request and in response to the user providing means by which they can be sufficiently identified for purposes of

the level of security against attack desired by the operator of said internet operation;

and wherein the knowledge of the existence, identity and URL of each of said secret sites is not available to the public except through a process requiring such identification of the user;

said secret sites being a part of said internet operation by which said internet operation may be accessed.

Claim 20. An internet operation including a system of secret internet web sites comprising:

- (a) one or more computers programmed to operate as a plurality of web servers;
- (b) one or more of said web servers hosting internet web sites for said internet operation;
- (c) one or more of said internet web sites being main sites having URI-S which are publicly associated with said internet operation accessible through said internet web sites;
- (d) one or more of said internet web sites being secret sites having URLs which are not publicly associated with said internet operation; wherein each of said secret sites have a URL which:

1. is maintained as a secret from all but those users who have been given the knowledge thereof by the operator of said internet operation; and

2. is assigned to a user upon the user's request and in response to the user providing means by which they can be sufficiently identified for purposes of the level of security against attack desired by the operator of said internet operation;

and wherein the knowledge of the existence, identity and URL of each of said secret sites is not available to the public except through a process requiring such identification of the user;

said secret sites being a part of said internet operation by which said internet operation may be accessed.

Reasons For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record, Linden et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,360,254 and Linden hereinafter), does not teach or suggest: "one or more of said internet web sites being secret sites having URLs which are not publicly associated with said internet operation, and which:

1. are maintained as a secret from all but those users who have been given the knowledge thereof by the operator of said internet operation; and

2. are assigned to a user upon the user's request and in response to the user providing means by which they can be sufficiently identified for purposes of the level of security against attack desired by the operator of said internet operation;

and wherein the knowledge of the existence, identity and URL of each of said secret sites is not available to the public except through a process requiring such identification of the user;
said secret sites being a part of said internet operation by which said internet operation may be accessed”.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arezoo Sherkat whose telephone number is (571) 272-3796. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 Monday-Friday.

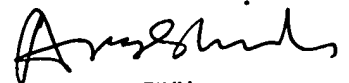
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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